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Sir:

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ryan Gleitz for his courtesy in clarifying why two documents were crossed off of the form PTO-1449 dated July 3, 2008. During a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative on August 21, 2008, Examiner Gleitz explained that the 'X' marked below 'YES' in the translation section of the Foreign Patent Documents form eliminates the need for listing the English language Abstracts of JP 2003-7438 and JP 2000-268952. Applicants have the understanding that these English language Abstracts have been considered, which is implied by the 'YES' indication under translations.

If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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